

# MAIL.

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### Shipping.

Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

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FOR NEW YORK.  
The 41 American Barge  
"MORRO CASTLE."

on the preceding 20th February and 21st August at the offices of the Hongkong and

**Corporation,  
Agents Writing Loans**

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## Intimations.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 78.

## CHINA SEA.

YANGTSE RIVER—SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

"Lemore" Wreck Light.

NOTICE is hereby given that the "Lemore" Wreck Light Tower will be removed as soon as practicable in consequence of the rapid deepening of the water around its foundations.

A fixed Red Light will be shown from the tower as long as possible. On the discontinuance of this light a Red Light and a White Light underneath it will be exhibited from a small jack moored about 400 feet to the N. 23° 30' E. of the present tower.

## Woonung Lighthouse.

In consequence of the removal of the above-mentioned Lighthouse, the Red sector of light, formerly exhibited from the Woonung Lighthouse, and over the port side of the channel on entering, will be resumed.

This Light will therefore show:—

White between the bank of the Yangtze to the westward of the Lighthouse and S. 5° 15' E.

Green between S. 5° 15' E. and S. 53° 45' W.

White between S. 53° 45' W. and S. 70° 30' W.

Red between S. 70° 30' W. and the left bank of the Woonung River.

The bearings are magnetic and taken from seaward.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,  
Engineer-in-Chief,  
Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Shanghai, December 8, 1877. del7

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RELIABLE,  
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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wilder & Co.

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COLORADO, American ship, Captain Ingraham.—Russell & Co.

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BROOKHALL, British ship, Captain H. Bates.—Russell & Co.

CHARLES OAK, American ship, Captain Stapleton.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. Schweser.—Melchers & Co.

PARACOLA, British barque, Captain O. Phillips.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

ANNE S. HALL, American barque, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.

BIKKER, British ship, Captain W. Reynolds.—Order.

TO-day's Advertisements.

FOR LONDON.  
The British Ship  
"SYDENHAM"  
will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 15th instant.  
Has Room for 50 tons Light Freight.  
Any Claims against the Ship to be sent in not later than the 14th instant, at Noon, or otherwise they will not be recognized.  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 11, 1877. del5



STEAM FOR  
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suva, Malta, Brindisi,  
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean  
Ports, Southampton,  
and London,  
Also,  
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and  
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
"THISTLE," Captain Tollock, will leave  
on THURSDAY, the 20th December,  
at Noon.  
Tea and General Cargo for London, will  
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-  
ment, arriving one week later than the  
direct route. Bulk and Valuable will be  
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galla-  
ta.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. LIND, Superintendant.  
Hongkong, December 11, 1877. del9

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR CHEFOO.  
The German Bark  
"NORMA,"  
Runkel, Master, will be de-  
parted for the above Port  
TO-MORROW, the 12th inst., at 4 p.m.  
For Freight, apply to  
SHEPHERD & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 11, 1877. del3

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).  
The Steamship  
"ESMERALDA,"  
Capt. THIBAUD, will be de-  
parted for the above Port  
on FRIDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
J. Y. V. SHAW.  
Hongkong, December 11, 1877. del5

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
Dec. 11, *Nauticus*, German gunboat, 500,  
Valois, Nagasaki Dec. 4.  
Dec. 11, *Volpa*, French steamer, 1100,  
Holland, Yokohama Dec. 4, Malls and  
General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.  
Dec. 11, *Douglas*, British steamer, 864,  
Pitman, Poochow Dec. 7, Amoy 9, and  
Swatow 10, General.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIX  
& Co.  
Dec. 11, *Mengelaus*, British steamer, 1559,  
B. F. Scale, Liverpool Oct. 18, via ports  
of call, Penang, and Singapore Dec. 4,  
General.—BUTCHFIELD & SWIRE.  
Dec. 11, *West Stanley*, British steamer,  
from Canton.  
Dec. 11, H.M.S. *Curlew*, from a cruise.  
Dec. 11, *Birken*, British ship, 1008,  
Reynolds, Sydney (N.S.W.) Oct. 20, Coal.  
—QANZ.  
Dec. 11, *Hoi Chung Ching*, Chinese R.C.,  
from Canton.

DEPARTURES.  
Dec. 11, *Madagascar*, for Canton.  
11, *Hailong*, for Coast Ports.  
11, *Wealthy Pindler*, for Keelung.  
11, *Roderick Hay*, for Bangkok.  
11, *Japan*, for Singapore, Penang and  
Calcutta.  
11, *Argyll*, for Singapore, Penang and  
Calcutta.

CLEARED.  
Wash, for Halphong.  
Three Brothers, for Quinhon.  
Empress, for Melbourne.  
Strathmore, for Calao.  
Carl, for Sourabaya.

PASSENGERS.  
ARRIVED.  
Per *Volpa*, from Yokohama: for Mar-  
cellus, Mr. and Mrs. Lippman, Mr. L. M.  
de Struve, 8 children and 3 servants, Mr.  
and Mrs. Davidson and child, Mr. Kasper  
and child, Messrs. Donaldson, Kingston,  
Roche, Negro, and Montoir; for Batavia,  
Mr. Harris; for Hongkong, Mr. Schmitt.  
Per *Douglas*, from Coast Ports, Messrs.  
Anderson, Olyma and Freuberg, Capt.  
Gurgullo, and 95 Chinese.  
Per *Mengelaus*, from Singapore, &c., 432  
Chinese.

DEPARTED.  
Per *Japan*, for Singapore, &c., Mrs. H.  
de Smidt, Messrs. A. P. Handley, E.  
Angelo, Isaac Joseph, and 400 deck.  
Per *Argyll*, for Calcutta, Messrs. P. A.  
Rutgers, Sander and Laif, and 815 Chinese  
for Straits.  
Per *Hailong*, for Amoy, &c., 180 Chi-  
nese.  
Per *Roderick Hay*, for Bangkok, 20  
Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.  
The British steamer *Mengelaus* reports:  
Northerly winds and fine moderate weather  
since leaving Singapore.  
The British steamer *Douglas* reports:  
Experienced a brisk monsoon with cloudy  
weather throughout. In Poochow—  
H.M.S. *Mooren*, and S.S. *Europe*. In  
Amoy—S.S. *Flora Castle*. In Swatow—  
S.S. *Namoa*, *Norna*, *Pemba*, *Pernambuco*,  
*Riga*, *Strathmore*, and *Chintung*.  
The British ship *Birken* reports: Ex-  
perienced light winds and calm during the  
whole passage.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SOERABAYA.—  
Per Brig *CARL*, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow,  
the 12th inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

For HONOLULU.—  
Per Barque *E. N. CARLETON*, at  
11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 12th  
inst., instead of as previously notifi-  
ed.

For SAIGON.—  
Per Barque *COQUETTE*, at 1.30 p.m.  
To-morrow, the 12th inst.

For HAIPHONG.—  
Per *WASHI*, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow,  
the 12th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—  
Per *MENELAUS*, at 3.30 p.m. To-  
morrow, the 12th inst.

For MANILA.—  
Per *MACTAN*, at 11.30 a.m., on Fri-  
day, the 14th inst.

For ILOILO.—  
Per Brig *HIERONIMUS*, at 2.30 p.m.,  
on Friday, the 14th inst.

For SAIGON.—  
Per *MARGIA*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday,  
the 15th inst.

For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—  
Per *CITY OF TOKIO*, at 11.30 a.m.,  
on Saturday, the 22nd inst., instead  
of as previously notified.

MAILS BY THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S "THISTLE" will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th December, with Malls to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Suez, Aden, Bombay, Calcutta, and Alexandria.

MAILS BY THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S "THISTLE" will be despatched with the Malls for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 13th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Malls, &c.:—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

5 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Hongkong, December 11, 1877. del9

## MEMOR. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

4 p.m.—Norma leaves for Chefoo.

## General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, December 13.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, December 14.

Noon.—*Esmeralda* leaves for Manila.Noon.—Claims against the *Sydenham*, must be sent in to her Agents.5 p.m.—*Hieronimus* leaves for Iloilo.

Transfer Books of the H. E. &amp; C. Gas Co. Limited, closed from this date to 31st instant, inclusive.

SATURDAY, December 15.

Sydenham leaves for London.

THURSDAY, December 20.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, December 21.

1 p.m.—Regatta commences.

SATURDAY, December 22.

Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, December 26.

Ocean leaves for Coektown, &amp;c., on or about this date.

MONDAY, December 31.

Noon.—Sale of Ground and Buildings, at Messrs Lane, Crawford's Sale Room, Praya.

Norman leaves for Singapore, &amp;c., on or about this date.

WEDNESDAY, January 2.

3 p.m.—Occidental &amp; Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamers leave for Yokohama and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, January 15.

Claims against the Estate of James Smith Ferries, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced

at 8.10 p.m.

BIRTH.

On the 10th inst., at No. 1, Westbourne

Villas, the Wife of A. G. ARKIN, of Twin

Daughters.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DEC. 11, 1877.

Mr. Myers, the late American Consul

General at Shanghai, appears determined

to lose no opportunities for ventilating

his views in the United States. His complaints

against Mr. Seward, "Hardly had he

landed in San Francisco when columns of

the local papers were filled with details of

his grievances, and not content with the

publicity afforded, his case in the public

press, Mr. Myers has now issued a "con-

densed statement" of his complaints in

pamphlet form, this work being mainly

intended for the information of the mem-

bers of the Congress, before whom he

intends to lay his case. We have not

space to reproduce the entire "state-

ment," but the substance may be given

within a small compass. The inevitable

conclusion of the reader of Mr. Myers's al-

legations is, that he is either that gen-

tleman must have a most singular

disregard of truth for a person of his

position; or that Mr. Seward is not the

spotless official that he has generally

been regarded in China. Broadly stated,

Mr. Myers's allegations against Mr. Sew-

ard are that 1st, after removing him to

San Francisco, Mr. Myers sent out by re-

producing a letter he received from Mr.

Seward on the 27th March last, in which

the following passage occurs:—"I regret

to say that I cannot hold you blameless

in the matter of the ill-fated article

which was printed in the *Evening Cen-*

sine on the 21st of last month. I am

convinced, under these circumstances,

to relieve you from the charge of the

Complete General. Mr. Bradford, Vice-

Consul General, will take charge at once

and will receive you for the public

monitory and property. Mr. Myers is

represented by the San Francisco papers

as making the following statements re-

specting the article in question:—

The libellous article referred to was an

editorial paragraph in the *Courier* relatingto the case of *De Witt*, an American

citizen arrested in 1871 on the charge of

piracy and murder after an arduous and

expensive pursuit by the vessel of several

nations, and was finally tried to Seward as

Consul General, and who was suddenly re-

leased from the American prison after a few

weeks' detention, without an examination.

Fence, it was stated, on the day previous to

his release, had offered the jailer a bribe of

\$7,000 if he would permit him to escape, but

was indignantly refused. There was much

unfavourable comment at the time, and Mr

Seward's conduct was made the subject of a

sermon in February last by the rector of the

Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. Nelson, who

used the expression that "whoever permits

a murderer and a pirate to escape is himself

a murderer and a pirate." It was this

sermon that called forth the article in the

paper, and which Seward charged Myers

with having inspired. This the latter in-

dignantly denied, disclaiming all connection

with its publication. Seward persisted in

the charge and made the arbitrary removal

as indicated in the above letter. Myers at

once appealed to the State Department,

denying the charge and demanding a full

investigation before final action should be

taken in his case, but was surprised by

receiving a letter suspending him from office.

To show that the charge of having

inspired the article is baseless, Mr

Myers submitted a letter from Mr. John

Pittman, who is described in the assumed

month-piece of Mr. Myers, the *San Fran-*cisco *Chronicle*, as "of the firm of Byrne

and Payson, one of the largest English

mercantile houses doing business in Chi-

na and Japan." Mr. Pittman relates, we

are told, with circumstantial minuteness,

what prompted the editor of the *Courier* to

make the publication, and says that his

knowledge of the editor's motives was

based on a consultation he had with him

on the subject of publishing the remarks

respecting Mr. Seward. Mr. Myers's al-

legations against Mr. Seward are stated by

the *Chronicle* at great length, and are

intended to show the reasons the latter

had for removing Mr. Myers from office.

He accuses Mr. Seward of brow-beating

and duplicity in dealing with the Chi-

nese officials for the purchase of the land

for the Woonung Railway, the American

Minister hoping to obtain private ad-

vantages from the concern and its de-

velopments; that he, Mr. Myers, refused

to comply with Mr. Seward's request to

carry on his returns a sum of \$2500,

which was in dispute between the Ameri-

can Minister and his Government; that

Mr. Seward had leased the Consulate

Buildings and was letting them to

his Government at a profit of \$400 per

annum; that the Vice-Consul General

Bradford and Mr. Seward had appropri-

ated fees which should have gone to the

Marshall Phoenix; that when he sus-

pended Bradford for refusing to return

money which he had improperly appro-

priated from his (Myers's) account, Mr

Seward, who seemed to be in connivance

with Bradford, demanded his re-instate-

ment.—

There are numerous other allegations

made by Mr. Myers in his statement against

both Seward and Bradford, all of which he

declares his ability to prove with diffi-

culty. Phoenix, the Marshall, is ready to

return and testify to the several matters charged

against Minister Seward and Bradford.

The damaging statements made by Myers

in his version of the case may be con-

sidered by Minister Seward when his side

of the story shall be presented; even



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**YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION**

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**Subject to a charge of 12 1/2 per Cent.**  
**on Shareholders Capital, All the Profits**  
**of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be**  
**annually distributed among all Contributors**  
**of Business in proportion to the**  
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**RUSSELL & Co.,**

HONGKONG, October 1, 1897.  
**SHANGHAI INSURANCE COMPANY,**  
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 whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
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 by each, the remaining After being carried  
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OLIPHANT & Co.,  
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**Hongkong, October 27, 1874.**

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**Hongkong, July 6, 1874.**

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**Hongkong, August 23, 1877.** an23

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